



**PLYMOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

October 23, 2011

PLYMOUTH CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE.

We welcome into full membership and participation in all aspects of our church life persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, and faith background, and we affirm and celebrate all loving and committed relationships.

All are welcome.

During Today's Worship

PLEASE TURN OFF all cell phones and other electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers. Ushers remain in the narthex throughout the service to assist you with any needs.

PARENTS/NURSING MOTHERS: The Parsons Room (next to the Library) is available as a respite space for babies and children. You can hear the service from there.

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS is provided in the Nursery (Room 209) in the education wing. See an usher for directions.

PLEASE WEAR A NAME BADGE, found in the Friendship Pads at the end of the pews, so that others might greet you before and after worship.

If You Are New to Plymouth Church

PARKING IS AVAILABLE in several lots adjacent to Plymouth Church. On Sunday mornings in our main lot, as well as the Groveland and Loring-Nicollet lots, parking is permitted in all spaces. If you need a handicap parking space but do not have an official sticker, please come by the Church Office to get a special "Plymouth Church Handicap Parking" card for use in our parking lot.

INFORMATIONAL CLASSES FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Contact Emily Venell at 612/977-1281 or emilyv@plymouth.org if you are interested in or have questions about membership at Plymouth Church, or if you are interested in attending a future interactive seminar. Plymouth is eager to welcome those who wish to share their faith on our congregation's journey. We look forward to seeing you at Plymouth again.

A pivotal moment in 19th-century hymnody was the publication of Hymns Ancient and Modern in 1861, which brought many new hymns into use—hymns still sung today, 150 years later. During the month of October, we will sing some of these hymns—this morning in the words of the middle and recessional hymns.

PRELUDE ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Chorale—Bicinium *(BWV 715, 711)*

SUITE #4 IN E-FLAT: PRELUDE *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Anthony Ross, *cello* *(BWV 1010)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN GATHERED IN GOD'S PRESENCE "Olympic Hymn"
(see next page)

CALL TO WORSHIP James Gertmenian

Minister: God calls each one of us into community

Congregation: To love one another.

Minister: We come together to share our common life

Congregation: To bear one another's burdens.

All: With God's help may our coming together be for the building up of God's realm of peace, justice and love here on earth.

INTROIT *Stephen Paulus*
(2000)

God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor ray of joy from any other.

—*Celtic invocation*

UNISON PRAYER

It grieves us that all is not right in the world. We sense a profound lack of compassion. Where there should be forgiveness, there is often hatred. When we look for understanding, we find indifference. Where we need generosity, we find selfishness. O Great Spirit, transform our numb and detached hearts into vessels of compassion and love. Bless those who care for the well-being of others, granting them a spirit of gentleness and mercy. As a community of faith, guide us in our life together and lead us in the ways of steadfast love and truth.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("...and forgive us our debts...")
Pilgrim Hymnal, p. 513, prayer 57

GATHERED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Svein Ellingsen
Tr. Hedda Durnbaugh

OLYMPIC HYMN 6.7.6.7.6.5.6.5.5.
Egil Hovland, 1993



1 Gath-ered in God's pres-ence in fel - low - ship and glad - ness,
2 Gath-ered in God's still-ness, a - way from strife and un - rest,
3 Gath-ered at God's al - tar and in the Spir - it's pres - ence
4 Gath-ered 'round God's call - ing, we shall, as faith - ful ser - vants,



let us sing our prais - es and pray for all the na - tions.
we may share the bright - ness of hope with all the na - tions.
we may share the call - ing to go to all the na - tions.
bear the flame now kin - dled as light to all the na - tions.

Refrain



Gath-ered in God's pres-ence, gath-ered in God's peace, see a torch of



prom - ise lit with - in this place, lit with - in this place.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

SVYATI

John Tavener
(1995)

Anthony Ross, *cello*, and Choir

The text, sung in Church Slavonic from the Russian Orthodox service, repeats three phrases:

Holy God; Holy Mighty One; Holy Eternal One, have mercy upon us.

The cello, taking the role of the priest, is placed at the opposite end of the Sanctuary from the choir.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-8
MATTHEW 22:34-46

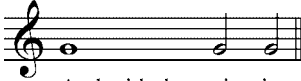
HYMN #291

LORD, ENTHRONED IN
HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

"Bryn Calfaria"

VERSICLES #533

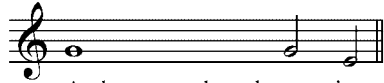
Leader: The Lord be with you,
Congregation:



And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us,

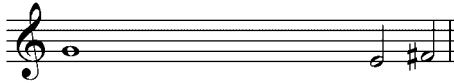
Congregation:



And grant us thy sal - va - tion.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

Congregation:



And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Tara Bauer

INVITATION TO GIVE

Hawona Sullivan Janzen

OFFERTORY

I AM THE GREAT SUN

Jussi Chydenius
(2010)

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,
I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,
I am the captain you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,
I am the city where you will not stay,
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,
I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you do not hear me,
I am the lover whom you will betray,
I am the victor, but you do not cheer me,
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

—Charles Causley

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & DOXOLOGY #464

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;
Singing thus through all our days: Praise to God, immortal praise! Amen.

SERMON

THE LONG VIEW

Jeffrey Sartain

RECESSIONAL HYMN

AT THE NAME OF JESUS
(see next page)

“King’s Weston”

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.
Based on Philipians 2:5-11

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

In unison

1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight
3 Hum-bled for a sea - son To re - ceive a name
4 Bore it up tri - umph - ant With its hu - man light,
5 In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub - due
6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a - gain

Ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of Glo - ry now;
All the an - gel fa - ces, All the hosts of light,
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he came.
Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true.
In Al - might - y glo - ry With the An - gel train;

'Tis Je - ho - vah's pleas - ure To be called the Lord,
Thrones and dom - i - na - tions, Stars up - on their way,
Faith - ful - ly he bore it, Spot - less to the last;
To the throne of God - head, Lean - ing on God's breast;
Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
He is God the Sav - ior, He is Christ the Lord,

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
All the heav - en - ly or - ders, In their great ar - ray.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death he passed.
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
Let his will en - fold you In its light and power.
Ev - er to be wor - shipped, Trust - ed, and a - dored. A - men.

BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

CHORALE PRELUDE ON "HANOVER" *C. Hubert H. Parry*
(Hymn 206) (1916)



CHURCH REGISTER *as of October 19, 2011*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kate Velie Gibbs (10/13/2011)

Mother of Pamela Gibbs Bacon

A memorial service for Kate will be held at Lakewood Chapel on Saturday, October 29, at 2 PM.

Mary Hultman (10/3/2011)

Sister(-in-law) of Hans and Ilona Melgaard

Aunt(-in-law) of Becky and Evan Newton

Great-aunt of Sean and Lianna Newton

Cousin(-in-law) of Jane and Art Pejsa

A memorial service for Mary will be held at Plymouth on Friday, October 28, at 10:30 AM.

OTHER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE RECENTLY BEREAVED:

Janice Allen and Ken Brinkman, *death of Janice's sister, Holly Stevens*

Erin Wheat, *death of aunt*

Mandy and Amos Sookraj, *death of step-aunt(-in-law)*

RECENTLY MARRIED:

Alarica Hassett and Joshua Nowlan (10/8/2011)

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Madden Joy Doran (10/9/2011), *daughter of Meredith Joy Benson and Paul Gardner Doran*

Elsie Lucille West (10/9/2011), *daughter of Allison Korell West and Peter William West*

CONVALESCING:

Karen Campbell, *Fairview Riverside Rehabilitation*

CARINGBRIDGE WEBSITES help people stay connected in times of illness:

Jud Reaney, www.caringbridge.org/visit/judreaney

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: All Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who'd like a visit from a minister, please contact Catherine Crooks, Minister for Member Care (cathiec@plymouth.org or 612/977-1286).

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Edward (Ted) Haugen Leslie by his family.

ON THE COVER: *Basket of Apples*. Levi Wells Prentice (1851–1935), oil on canvas.

NEXT SUNDAY: James Gertmenian will lead the 9:50 AM First Service and will preach at the 10:30 AM Sanctuary service.

*For information on this week's events at Plymouth Church,
please visit our website at www.plymouth.org.*

PLYMOUTH WORSHIP STAFF

James Gertmenian, *Senior Minister*

Vivian Jones, *Minister Emeritus*

Jeffrey Sartain, *Executive Minister*

Catherine Crooks, *Minister for Member Care*

Paula Northwood, *Minister for Education*

Tara Bauer, *Pastoral Resident*

Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sonja Thompson, *Assistant Music Director*

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